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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 0104

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CANADIAN INTENTION TO SEEK UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT

REF: (A) OTTAWA 0105 (B) OTTAWA 2962

1. GOC SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT ASPIRATIONS (REF B) ARE IN LIMBO, ACCORDING TO SVOBODA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR UN POL AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION EXTAFF. PROBLEM, HE SAID, IS THAT MALTA HAS MADE KNOWN ITS INTEREST IN THE SEAT AND GOC NOT CONFIDENT THAT IT COULD BEAT MALTA IN A HEAD-TO-HEAD SITUATION IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE LDC SUPPORT FOR MALTA. GOC UNDERSTANDS FROM GERMANS, HOWEVER, THAT MALTESE MAY BE USING INTEREST IN SEAT AS A BAR-GAINING PLOY. ACCORDING TO SVOBODA, MALTESE APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN HOSTING SEABED REVIEW CONFERENCE AND THEREIN LIES THE POSSIBLE TRADE-OFF. GOC AMBASSADOR IN ROME WILL BE VISITING MALTA NEXT WEEK IN EFFORT DETERMINE MALTESE INTENTIONS.

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2. SVOBODA ADDED THAT, QUITE APART FROM PROBLEM ABOVE, SOME EXTAFF OFFICIALS ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT MATTER ON ADMINISTRATIVE GROUNDS. IF GOC GETS THE SEAT, RATHER CONSIDERABLE BEEFING UP OF CANADIAN UN MISSION WOULD BE NECESSARY, A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE, ACCORDING TO SVOBODA, EVEN WITHOUT THE 15 PERCENT PERSONNEL CUT JUST LEVIED ON EXTAFF (REF A).

3. COMMENT: WHILE STAFFING MAY BE RELEVANT CONSIDERATION, WE ASSUME THAT IT WOULD NOT BE DETERMINATIVE IF MALTESE GOT OUT OF THE WAY.
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